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HIGHLIGHTING THE VITAL ROLE OF FORT POLK, LOUISIANA

(Mr. BOUSTANY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BOUSTANY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to highlight the vital role Fort Polk, Louisiana, plays in our Nation's strategic defense and to urge the U.S. Army to spare it from any cuts.

Fort Polk houses the Army's primary Joint Readiness Training Center, the Nation's premier combat training center.

Fort Polk is also home to the 3rd Battalion, 10th Mountain Division, Fort Polk's lone brigade combat team, a highly mobile, lethal, and flexible combat unit. This team was recognized as a superior brigade combat team, awarding it the Meritorious Unit Citation for its efforts in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Any cuts to this award-winning unit would deal a devastating blow to the post, its surrounding communities, and Louisiana as a whole. The local community and State have invested money and donated land, demonstrating their commitment to this imperative post.

As the Army announces its troop realignment, Louisiana stands together to support the 3rd Battalion, 10th Mountain Division brigade combat team, the Fort Polk community, and the military excellence they represent.

PASS HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

(Mr. KILDEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, on July 31, the highway and transit trust fund will expire.

So what does the expiration of the trust fund mean to America, to American families?

It means the potential loss of over 600,000 jobs. It means the cancelation of major infrastructure projects. In fact, I heard this morning that five States have already canceled or delayed major projects because of Congress' lack of ability to do its work.

My home State of Michigan, we know more than anyplace that if we invest in our roads and bridges and rails, we grow our economy.

Other nations, instead of planning months ahead, are planning years ahead and building infrastructure. China, for example, is spending 10 times what we are as a percentage of their GDP on infrastructure.

Meanwhile, back in May, instead of thinking about the decades to come and hundreds of thousands of jobs, this Congress passed a 2-month extension, a self-imposed, manmade crisis, governing crisis to crisis on every big issue that we deal with.

We can't let this happen. This Congress needs to do its job. We need to come together in a bipartisan way—we can do it—and pass an extension of the highway trust fund that invests in America and puts American workers back to work rebuilding this country.

If we don't do this, we cannot expect our economy to grow. Congress has to act.

JOE'S BBQ IN FANNIN COUNTY, GEORGIA

(Mr. COLLINS of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. COLLINS of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, in the Ninth District of Georgia, there is something we like, and that is barbecue. Especially our office, our staff, and our interns know this well, and especially my ag intern, Casey, from Georgia, because we now can ascribe to Trip Advisory's latest pick of the Nation's best barbecue. And I am proud to announce Joe's BBQ was named number one barbecue in the country.

Joe's is located 90 miles north of Atlanta in Blue Ridge and was founded just 3 years ago by a former mortgage salesman, Joe Ray. Mr. Ray moved to Blue Ridge, Georgia, 10 years ago to pursue his career in mortgage banking, but he ended up doing barbecue. He calls it beginner's luck, but I think it is turning into a legacy and a tradition in north Georgia. You see, customers travel from hundreds of miles to experience the secret recipe at Joe's BBQ, and it has been named number one as proof of the fruits of their labor.

So now we have many coming to northeast Georgia to experience what we in the Ninth District always knew: the best barbecue is in north Georgia, the greatest place in world. And I just want to invite everybody to Joe's BBQ in Blue Ridge.

HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN YEMEN

(Mrs. DINGELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to bring to the attention of my colleagues a humanitarian crisis in Yemen. My district is home to many Yemenis who are deeply concerned, and many families have been in my office in total desperation and tears. This week, 45 civilians were killed after an airstrike hit a marketplace north of Aden.

Of real concern is the current outbreak of dengue fever. The World Health Organization estimates there are at least 3,000 cases of dengue fever in Yemen right now, and other groups are estimating it is twice that.

My constituents have family members who are suffering and have no access to medications, doctors, hospitals or, in many cases, even clean water. We must show U.S. leadership to help contain this outbreak.

Today I sent a letter to Secretary Kerry asking about plans the State Department is undertaking to combat this problem. I hope my colleagues will join me in a bipartisan manner to support real concrete action that is needed to help the Yemenis who are sick, desperate, and in critical need of assistance and leadership.

HONORING GRANITE STATE COMMUNITY LEADER DON MOORE

(Mr. GUINTA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GUINTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a selfless Granite Stater who is paving the way for our mental health community and was recently awarded the Portsmouth Rotary Club's Humanitarian Award.

In 2014, Don Moore founded Seacoast Pathways in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, with the goals of providing those with mental illness resources to find a stable place to live, find a job, and opportunities for members to develop talents and interests to stay engaged in our community.

For far too long, the topic of mental health has been regarded as taboo and carries with it an undeserved stigma. People like Don Moore are changing this negative perception and bringing about positive change for our communities.

In fact, the successes of the clubhouse model used by Seacoast Pathways are borrowed from another successful clubhouse in Manchester, New Hampshire, called Granite Pathways. This spring, I had the privilege of visiting both, meeting with their staffs and clubhouse members.

Seacoast Pathways' commitment to creating a community where members can reach their goals of work, education, and stable housing are absolutely commendable, and it is because of the selfless and dedicated folks like Don that our State remains a shining example of best practices in this area.

On behalf of the entire Granite State, congratulations to Don on receiving a well-deserved honor, and for working tirelessly on behalf of the mental health community.

HONORING THE LIFE OF KEVIN JOSEPH SUTHERLAND

(Mr. HIMES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HIMES. Mr. Speaker, 4 days ago, on July 4, a young man was murdered just a mile from here in broad daylight on a crowded subway. That young man was Kevin Joseph Sutherland, 24 years old. He was my campaign volunteer, my intern, and my friend.

Maybe that is unremarkable. Violence seems to be a part of who we are and all too present with us.

But I want to tell this House that Kevin was in Washington because he

believed in the best of us, each one of us. He believed that we could come together. He believed that we could set aside our petty prejudices. He believed that we could bring our voices together in this Chamber and make a better world.

I think there is a chance that 20 years from now Kevin might have served in this Chamber. Now, that is not going to happen. But Kevin's spirit of openness, of optimism, of possibility, that spirit must live on in this Chamber and in our hearts.

Thank you, Kevin.

HONORING PRIVATE WILLIAM LONG AND PRIVATE QUINTON EZEAGWULA

(Mr. HILL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HILL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to two courageous young men, Army Private William "Andy" Long and Private Quinton "EZ" Ezeagwula.

On June 1, 2009, these soldiers were the target of a terrorist attack at a military recruiting station in my hometown of Little Rock, Arkansas, which, tragically, Andy Long did not survive.

Last Wednesday, in an emotional ceremony at the Arkansas State Capitol and after a wait of 6 years, these two soldiers were finally awarded the Purple Heart Medals they deserved.

I was privileged to be present as EZ and the family of Andy Long received the recognition they deserve for their sacrifice to our Nation.

Andy's father, Daris Long, put it best at the ceremony when he stated that this was never just about Purple Hearts. "It was about accurately identifying what really happened in Little Rock and at Fort Hood. These acts were not simply a drive-by shooting or workplace violence. They were terrorist attacks on our servicemembers in our own land."

I am truly appreciative of the work of our entire congressional delegation, both past and present, whose tireless efforts over the past 6 years ensured the sacrifice of these young men has been fully recognized and honored.

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HONORING CHRISTINE RATH UPON HER RETIREMENT

(Ms. KUSTER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. KUSTER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor one of New Hampshire's best and brightest educators upon her retirement.

Christine Rath has served as superintendent of the Concord School District for 15 years, helping to maintain the high standards of public education

in Concord, New Hampshire. I am a proud product of Concord's public schools; so, they hold a special place in my heart.

Chris started her teaching career right here in Washington, D.C., in the 1960s as a member of President Johnson's Teacher Corps, designed to help educate low-income students in cities all across this country. That is where she met her husband Tom Rath, another community leader who has made many positive contributions to the Granite State over the years.

After they moved to New Hampshire, she taught in Goffstown, worked in Concord's Second Start alternative education program, and eventually became the principal of Rundlett Middle School in Concord. Chris has spent decades working to provide excellent education and support to students of all ages across the Granite State.

Our young people are our Nation's greatest resource, and it is absolutely essential that they have the tools they need to follow their dreams and meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Chris sets an extraordinary example for young educators who hope to change the lives of their students through commitment and creativity. I applaud her impressive service to the students, the city of Concord, and to the Granite State.

IMMIGRATION

(Mr. LAMALFA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LAMALFA. Mr. Speaker, just last week an American woman was shot and killed by an illegal immigrant while walking through a tourist-friendly area of San Francisco with her father.

She was killed for no reason by an illegal immigrant convicted of seven felonies who had been previously deported five times and was released by the San Francisco Police Department again over the objections of Federal immigration authorities.

This is sadly not the first time this has happened. Several years ago a father and his two sons were killed by an illegal immigrant felon who, again, San Francisco refused to detain for Federal immigration authorities.

The evidence is clear. Sanctuary city laws make our cities less safe and endanger Americans. Despite liberal claims to the contrary, this refusal to enforce immigration laws means that dangerous criminals with no regard for our laws are walking our streets.

In California alone, over 10,000 immigration detainee requests were declined; 10,000 known criminals were released in violation of Federal law.

Mr. Speaker, it is time for the House to act to ensure that the Federal Government does not aid cities who refuse to enforce our Nation's laws. That would be comprehensive immigration reform we can all understand.

SAFE CLIMATE CAUCUS

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, even though many in Congress still refuse to admit that climate change is a very real problem, the administration has been leading action on what has become one of the most important issues of our generation.

This week the White House announced a new initiative to increase access to solar energy, especially in low- and moderate-income communities. This is a critical step to reducing our carbon footprint and showing the world that we are, indeed, ready to lead by example when it comes to clean energy innovation.

The initiative expands training and education for jobs in the solar industry and is a partnership with the private sector to increase diversity in a new "green collar" workforce. Access to clean, reliable energy results in good-paying jobs, cleaner air, and an opportunity for our innovators and entrepreneurs to grow our economy.

As a member of the Safe Climate Caucus and a co-chair of the Sustainable Energy and Environment Coalition, I applaud and support the administration's announcement this week and will continue to press for broader climate action in this Congress.

IN MEMORY OF RAPHAEL "RAFE" SAGARIN

(Ms. MCSALLY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. MCSALLY. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Dr. Raphael "Rafe" Sagarin, a world-renowned scientist and University of Arizona professor who died tragically a few weeks ago.

Rafe was passionate about the world's oceans and applying the lessons of our natural world to solving modern challenges. He earned widespread recognition for theorizing that governments could learn national defense techniques by studying how animals adapt to threats they face in the wild.

During his lifetime, Rafe authored three books and nearly two dozen scholarly articles and book chapters. At the time of his death, he was leading a University of Arizona project called Biosphere 2 that involved creating a functional model of the Gulf of California in the Sonoran Desert.

I was fortunate enough to meet Rafe earlier this year and hear him describe with trademark enthusiasm his work studying adaptable security systems in southern Arizona. I am also currently reading his insightful book on the subject.

Rafe will be missed by so many around the world, but his contagious spirit and groundbreaking contributions over many years will have lasting impacts.